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By email only

Mr. Daniel Smith  
Associate Administrator for Enforcement  
NHTSA/Enforcement/ODI, NVS-215  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., W46-421  
West Building, Fourth Floor  
Washington, DC 20590

**Re: Amended Report - Initial Defect Information Report Pursuant to 49 CFR Part 573  
Reverse Actuator – Can Am Spyder™ RT SM5 roadsters**

Dear Mr. Smith:

Please find enclosed an amended description at 573.6 (c) (5) Description of the Defect.

Bombardier Recreational Products Inc and BRP US Inc. determined that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety may exist in our MY 2011 Spyder™ RT SM5 roadsters. We are reporting the currently available information required by 49 CFR Part 573.6.

• **573.6 (c) (1) Name of manufacturer:**

The affected vehicles were manufactured by Bombardier Recreational Products Inc., 726 Saint-Joseph Street, Valcourt, Quebec Canada J0E 2L0 and imported into the United States by BRP US Inc., 10101 Science Drive, Sturtevant, Wisconsin, USA 53177.

Contact person with respect to this recall is Marie-Claude Simard, Product Safety Advisor, Bombardier Recreational Products Inc., 726 St-Joseph Street, Valcourt, Quebec, Canada J0E 2L0, T 450-532-6195, [marie-claude.simard@brp.com](mailto:marie-claude.simard@brp.com)

• **573.6 (c) (2) Identification of the Vehicles involved in the Recall:**

MY 2011 Spyder™ RT SM5 - all models

The specific serial numbers will be enclosed in the final bulletin.

Ski-Doo  
Lynx  
Sea-Doo  
Evinrude  
Johnson  
Rotax  
Can-Am

- **573.6 (c) (3) Number of Vehicles Potentially Affected:**

Approximately 160

- **573.6 (c) (4) Estimated percentage of Vehicles with the Defect:**

Unknown. 100% of the recalled vehicles will be subject to the remedy.

**573.6 (c) (5) Description of the Defect:**

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While downshifting, it may be possible to inadvertently engage reverse without depressing the reverse button, due to a defective reverse actuator cable. **If this happens while vehicle is moving forward, the rear wheel could lock and the engine could stall. If this happens while vehicle is stopped, vehicle could back up.**

This condition may increase the risk of a crash possibly resulting in injury or death.

- **573.6 (c) (6) Chronology of Events:**

On January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011, during normal testing on the assembly line, one operator in charge of testing the vehicle at the end of the production line noticed that he was able to go to reverse without having pushed the R button.

After investigation, BRP determined the root cause and the possible consequences and has decided to launch a safety recall.

- **573.6 (c) (8) Program for Remedy of Defect:**

BRP is currently preparing to launch a voluntary safety campaign to remedy the condition.

BRP will notify each registered owner of an involved vehicle. BRP will also notify its dealers of the campaign. In addition, BRP will post a letter to dealer's attention on its dealer website along with the safety campaign bulletin. Information about the campaign will also be posted on BRP's public website [www.can-am.brp.com](http://www.can-am.brp.com). Vehicles will be repaired by authorized dealers. All of this will be performed at no charge.

Please see enclosed the proposed Owner letter and Dealer letter.

**Remedy:**

The solution is to validate proper operation of the reverse actuator and if defective, replace the reverse actuator assembly.

**Remedy Schedule:**

BRP will launch this recall on or about February 11, 2011. Exact date will be confirmed.

If you have any questions regarding this report, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MCS', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

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